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HONGKONG, NOVEMBER 20, 1893.
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Intimations.

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CHINA.—MACAO, A. A. DA CRUZ, Amoy, N. M. MOALE & CO., LIMITED, Foochow; HEDGE & CO., SHANGHAI; LANE, CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & WALSH, Fuzhouhain, LANTAU; CRAWFORD & CO., and KELLY & CO.

Banks.

HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

PAID-IN CAPITAL.....\$10,000,000.
RESERVE FUND.....\$ 3,000,000.
RESERVE LIABILITY OR
PROPRIETORS.....\$10,000,000.

Court of Directors:

H. HOTTIUS, Esq., Chairman;
C. J. HOLLYDAY, Esq., Deputy Chairman;

R. M. Gray, Esq.; Julius Krasnow, Esq.; Carl Hansen, Esq.; A. McLachlan, Esq.; H. H. Joseph, Esq.; J. S. Moss, Esq.; Hon. J. J. Kewick, D. B. SASSOON, Esq.

Chief Manager:

Hongkong—T. JACKSON, Esq.

Manager:

Shanghai—J. P. WADE GARDNER, Esq.

London—BANKERS AND COUNTY BANKING CO., LTD.

HONGKONG—INTEREST ALLOWED.
On Current Account at the rate of 2 per cent. per annum on the daily balance.

On Fixed Deposits:

Few 3 months 3 per cent. per annum.

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T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, October 10, 1893. 280

The MERCANTILE BANK OF
THE INDIA, LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....£1,500,000.

SUBSCRIBED.....£1,125,000.

Bankers:

LONDON-JOINT STOCK BANK, LTD.

Interest allowed on Current Accounts at the rate of 2 % per annum on the daily balance.

ON FIXED DEPOSITS:

For 12 Months.....5 %

For 6 Months.....4 %

For 3 Months.....3 %

JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

Hongkong, February 4, 1893. 228

HONGKONG SAVINGS BANK.

The business of the above Bank is conducted by the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION. Rules may be obtained on application.

INTEREST on deposits is allowed at 3% PER CENT. per annum. Depositors may transfer at their option balances of \$100 or more to the HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANK, to be placed on FIXED DEPOSIT at 3% PER CENT. per annum.

For the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation,

T. JACKSON, Chief Manager.

Hongkong, May 15, 1893. 1612

The BANK OF CHINA, JAPAN, AND THE STRAITS, LIMITED.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$2,000,000.

CAPITAL CALLED UP.....\$21,093,15.00.

Bankers:

CAPITAL & COUNTIES BANK, LIMITED.

Head Office:

3, PRINCES STREET, LONDON.

Branches:

BOMBAY, CALCUTTA, HONGKONG & SHANGHAI.

Agencies:

PENANG, SINGAPORE AND YOKOHAMA.

RATES OF INTEREST

Allowed on Current Accounts and Fixed Deposits can be ascertained on application. Every description of Banking and Exchange business transacted.

CHANNERY INCHBALD,
Manager.

Hongkong, November 6, 1893. 247

THE NATIONAL BANK OF CHINA,
LIMITED.

AUTHORIZED CAPITAL.....\$1,000,000.

SUBSCRIBED CAPITAL.....\$ 500,000.

Head Office—HONGKONG.

Branches:

D. GILLIES, Esq., H. S. STOLZENFELS, Esq., CHAN KEE SHAN, CHOW TUNG SHAN, Esq., KWAN HOI CHUN, Esq., Chief Manager, GEO. W. V. PLAYFAIR.

Branches:

LONDON, YOKOHAMA, SHANGHAI AND AMY.

Bankers:

THE COMMERCIAL BANK OF SCOTLAND, THE BANKING CO. OF THE ALLIANCE BANK (LTD.).

Interest for 12 months Fixed 5 %.

Hongkong, May 24, 1893. 41

Business Notices.

Christmas 1893!!

LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

HAVE NOW RECEIVED THEIR
NEW CHRISTMAS STOCK and are now showing a splendid
COLLECTION of ARTICLES suitable for
CHRISTMAS PRESENTS.

LEATHER GOODS, ELECTRO-PLATED WARE, TABLE
FLOWER SETS, BOOKS, LAMPS and LAMP SHADES,
FITTED DRESSING BAGS, JEWEL CASES, DECORATIVE
CHINA and GLASSWARE, and a Good Assortment of
NOVELTIES.

CHILDREN'S TOYS.
TOY BOOKS, FRENCH DOLLS, RUBBER and WOOL TOYS,
MAGIC LANTERNS, AMERICAN TOYS, GERMAN
TOYS, ENGLISH TOYS, FRENCH TOYS.

THE LATEST
COSAQUES.
CHRISTMAS TREE DECORATIONS, FLAGS & BANNERS.

CONFECTIIONERY.
NEW SEASON'S PUDDING and DESSERT FRUITS,
NUTS, FIGS, MUSCATELS, ELVAS PLUMS.

CHRISTMAS CAKES and BISCUITS.

CHRISTMAS DELICACIES.
PLUM PUDDINGS, MINCE MEAT.

An Assortment of PROVISIONS suitable for the Season.
SPECIAL YORK HAMS, STILTON and GORGONZOLA
CHEESE.

WINES.
LANE, CRAWFORD & CO.

Hongkong, December 18, 1893. 2120

PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM
NAVIGATION COMPANY

THE HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL
TEAMWAYS COMPANY,
LIMITED.

NOTICE

THE BUFFET and THE LADIES' WAITING ROOMS adjoining will be Open to the Public in a few days.

JOHN D. HUMPHREYS & SON,
General Managers.

Hongkong, December 13, 1893. 2137

TRADE MARK

CALDBECK, MACGREGOR &
Co.,
Wine and Spirit Merchants,
13, QUEEN'S ROAD.

Hongkong, August 18, 1891. 1612

NOTICE

FOR NEARNESS.

LONDON, &c., Rosetta—Noon, 21st Dec. So Special Advertisement.

JAPAN—Incorona—Noon, 22nd Dec. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI—Bombay—About 1st Jan. '94. Freight or Passage.

SHANGHAI—Thames—About 1st Jan. '94. Freight or Passage.

LONDON via MARSEILLE—Malacca—About 6th Jan. '94. Freight or Passage.

LONDON—Manilla—About 16th Jan. '94. Freight or Passage (calling at MARSELLES if sufficient indemnity off).

For further Particulars, apply to

P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, H. H. JOSEPH, Superintendent.

Hongkong, December 18, 1893. 2128

DAWSON'S PERFECTION

OLD SCOTCH WHISKY.

ALLISTON & CO.,
SOLE AGENTS,
HONGKONG AND THE FAR EAST.

62, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.

Hongkong, November 11, 1893. 1949

NOTICE

HONGKONG HOTEL.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS,
"Kempinski," A. B. C. Code.

THE MOST COMFORTABLE and BEST-APPOINTED HOTEL in the Far East situated in the centre of the town, opposite the General Post Office and the Hongkong Club, and adjacent to Puddler's Wharf (the principal landing stage of the Colony).

The HOTEL STREAM LAUNCH conveys passengers and baggage to and from all Mail Steamers.

THE TABLE D'HOTE, at separate tables, is supplied with every delicacy.

THE BED-ROOMS, with adjoining BATH-ROOMS, are lofty and well ventilated, open on spacious Verandahs, are lighted by gas and fitted throughout with every convenience.

THE READING, WRITING, and SMOKING ROOMS, the BILLIARD ROOMS (six English and American Tables) are fitted with every convenience.

WINES and SPIRITS of the Best Blends only.

HYDRAULIC ASCENDING-ROOMS of the latest and most approved type convey passengers and baggage from the Entrances Hall to each of the five floors above.

Our PORTERS and WATCHMEN are continually on duty.

R. TIGER Manager.

Hongkong, October 21, 1892. 1842

NOTICE

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HONGKONG TRADING CO.

HAVE A GOOD SELECTION

USEFUL XMAS PRESENTS.
TOYS.

XMAS AND NEW YEAR CADS.

J. P. COOM, Manager.

Hongkong, December 18, 1893. 2174

NOTICE

W. POWELL & CO.

IMMENSE VARIETY.

ALL NEW GOODS.

W. POWELL & CO.

Hongkong, December 8, 1893. 2128

THE CHINA MAIL.

[No. 9630.—DECEMBER 20, 1893.]

Notices to Consignees.

THE CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM LIVERPOOL & SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Pingree*, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the HONG-KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Claims must be sent to the Office of the Undersigned before Noon on the 22nd Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be stored on the 2nd Line, at 3 p.m.

No Fire Insurance will be effected on any Goods remaining in the Godowns after the 22nd Instant will be subject to rent.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded unless notice to the contrary be given before Noon To-day.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1893. 2156

* STEAMSHIP NATAL.

COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

CONSIGNNEES of Cargo from London & Havre on Steamships *Tigre* & *Guadaloupe*,* and from Bordes on Steamship *Ville de Marseille*, in connection with the above Steamer, are hereby informed that their Goods—with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables—are being landed and stored in their risk at the HONG-KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., at Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained immediately after landing.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded, unless Intimation is received from the Consignees before 2 p.m. To-day (Thursday), the 14th Inst.; requesting it to be landed here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the Undersigned.

Goods remaining unclaimed after THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at Noon, will be subject to rent and landing charges.

All Claims must be sent in to me on or before THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, or they will not be recognized.

All Damaged Packages will be examined on THURSDAY, the 21st Instant, at 3 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

G. de CHAMPEAUX,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 14, 1893. 2141

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FROM CALCUTTA, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Company's S.S. *Kutson* having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered free alongside.

Charge against the discharge of remaining cargo on board at 4 p.m. of the 10th Inst., will be landed at Calcutta's risk and expense in Godowns at East Point.

No Fire Insurance will be effected.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., General Managers.

Hongkong, December 15, 1893. 2150

FROM HAMBURG, PENANG AND SINGAPORE.

THE Shipowner *Pirok*, Capt. L. MADSEN, having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send in their Bills of Lading for counter-signature by the Undersigned, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Any Cargo impeding her discharge will be landed into the Godowns of the HONG-KONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN CO., Ltd., and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods remain unclaimed after the 4th Instant will be subject to rent.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 24th Inst., at 4 p.m. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

STIMMERS & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1893. 2164

Not Responsible for Debts.

Neither the Captain, the Agents, nor Owners will be responsible for any Debt contracted by the Officers or Crew of the following Vessels, during their stay in Hongkong Harbour—

BANGKOK, British ship, Capt. R. D. Congdon—Shaw & Co.

CHARA JACKSON, British schooner, Capt. Charles Butcher—Gibb, Livingston & Co., LOHMAIR, Italian barque, Captain J. B. Caffagna—D. Musso.

MACMILLAN, British ship, Captain Robert Guthrie—Government.

MANAS, British barque, Capt. Thos. Aspin—Master.

SACHEM, American ship, Captain J. C. Baddeley—Jardine, Matheson & Co.

W.M. J. ROUSE, American ship, Capt. J. Lancaster—Malone & Co.

SANTAL-MIDY. Beware of fakes. All descriptions of Santal oil obtained by Midy process from the best Myrrh wood.

SANTAL-MIDY entirely different from the common oil, is not from the essential oil of the Indian Bixa, is superior to Copalina, Cubeb, or injections, and free from all bad smell or other inconveniences.

SANTAL-MIDY cures all diseases of the urinary organs in either sex in 48 hours.

SANTAL-MIDY is contained in small round capsules, each of which is in black letters, with a red seal, which none are genuine.

SANTAL-MIDY Beware of fakes. All other capsules or mixtures contain impurities, resins, oils, &c., and are worse than useless.

SANTAL-MIDY is sold by all druggists and medicine dealers throughout the world.

Paris: 8, Rue Vivienne, 3.

For Sale by A. WATSON & CO., Chemists.

Intimations.

THE Japan Watch Company, LIMITED.

REGISTERED IN HONGKONG AS A LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY.

CAPITAL \$1,000,000, DIVIDED INTO 40,000 SHARES OF \$25 EACH.

TERMS for Subscription of Shares: \$5 per Share on Application; \$10 per Share on Allotment; \$10 per Share on or about 31st Jan., 1894.

DIRECTORS: EDWARD WHITFIELD, A. H. BUTLER, J. D. HANBURY, HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD, P. H. WHEELER.

Superintendent: P. H. WHEELER.

BANKERS: THE HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

Legal Adviser: HENRY CHARLES LITCHFIELD.

OFFICES: HONGKONG AND YOKOHAMA.

THE object of the Company is to form and maintain a factory in Yokohama for the Manufacture of Watches of all kinds and descriptions.

For this purpose it is proposed to purchase a site within the limits of the Foreign Settlement of Yokohama and thereon to erect the factory.

The founders of the Company are possessed of a plant of machinery complete in every particular, of the newest design and the finest workmanship and adapted for the making of all implements used in the watch trade as well as the making of watches. It is well known that machinery has effected a complete revolution in the watch trade and it is confidently expected that by availing itself of the comparatively cheap labour of this country this Company will be able to supply the trade in all parts of the world with an article which for excellence of workmanship and cheapness of price will defy competition.

Mr. P. H. Wheeler, the Superintendent of the Company, has been for many years engaged in developing watch-making machinery, and the testimonials from his former employers testify to his business ability, skill and integrity. The machinery of which the founders are possessed has been perfected under his superintendence and a considerable part thereof is of his invention.

Besides the Machinery the founders are possessed of ten thousand watches in various stages of completion which are the out-turn of the said Machinery; and material on hand sufficient to turn out about twenty-five thousand more. It will thus be seen that it is not at actual plant which the founders have acquired, but one which has already given proofs of its excellence. It was only the advantage of obtaining a cheaper labour market than can be found in the United States that has induced them to work the business in Japan.

It is an established fact that the principal factories in the United States in seven years paid 300 per cent. dividend on a capital of Six Million Dollars; and that what was done on a wage basis of \$1.50 (gold) per operative, the factories employing six thousand hands. If the difference in the rate of labour in this country is taken into consideration the operations of the Company will be assured to realise to the full the expectations of the founders. The profits of watch-making are based entirely on the price of labour.

It is not in the labour market only that an advantage will be obtained. Coal and other materials can be purchased in this country at a lower rate than in the United States. And besides all these advantages, which are great, there is one of still greater importance, the knowledge to be obtained of the requirements of the local trade, of the trade for China, and that of 'The Straits' and India. The Company will be capable of supplying a watch of the best workmanship to the population of these large and important countries at a price far below any watch of like character that has ever been offered to these markets.

Taking into consideration these advantages the founders confidently expect to pay a dividend of at least 10 per cent. per annum on the first two years' work, and thereafter dividends at a much higher rate.

The Company has been registered in Hongkong as a Limited Company.

One thousand shares of twenty-five yen each are offered for subscription.

The memorandum and articles of association of the Company may be inspected at the office of the Company, No. 10 Bund, Yokohama.

Applications for shares should be made in forms annexed to the Prospectus and should be forwarded to the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation accompanied by a remittance for the amount of the deposit.

Forms of Application for Shares will be sent free to any person, by addressing the HEAD OFFICE, 10, BUND, YOKOHAMA.

Yokohama, Japan, 13th October, 1893.

Entertainments.

THE IMPERIAL CHING LING FOX TROUPE OR CONJURERS AND ACROBATS.

WONDROUS MYSTERY.

The above IMPERIAL TROUPE of WORKERS have been especially brought from Peking, and will Perform in ST. ANDREW'S HALL,

TO-NIGHT AND TO-MORROW, the 29th and 30th instant.

Seats may now be booked at Messrs. KEAVY & WALSH, Ltd.

WM. FARMER, Manager.

Hongkong, December 20, 1893. 2176

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destinations	Vessels	Agents	Date of Leaving
Bremen & Porto Call	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Jan. 8, at 8 p.m.
Japan	Ancona (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	Dec. 22, noon.
Korea	Taiyuan (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 22, at noon.
London & Ports of Call	Rosita (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	Dec. 21, at noon.
London, v. Suo Chana	Palamed (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 23, at noon.
Manila (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	About Jan. 16.
London and Hamburg	Gloria (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	About Jan. 23.
London, v. Marseilles	Maloca (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	About Jan. 6.
London, v. Amoy	Yunnan (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 23, at 5 p.m.
Marseilles, v. Suo Chana	Saxonia (s)	Doddall, Carlill & Co.	About Dec. 21.
New York, v. Suo Chana	Oampo (s)	Doddall, Carlill & Co.	About Dec. 21.
New York, v. Suo Chana	Lennox (s)	Doddall, Carlill & Co.	About Jan. 4.
New York	Kenilworth	Doddall, Carlill & Co.	Dec. 21.
Bangalore	Lyceum (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
China (s)	China (s)	Shewan & Co.	Quick despatch.
China (s)	Belgio (s)	Pacific Mail & S. Co.	Dec. 27, at 1 p.m.
San Francisco, v. Japan	Macmillan (s)	O. & G. S. S. Co.	Dec. 4, daylight.
San Francisco, v. Japan	Canton (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Dec. 21, at 4 p.m.
San Francisco	Lyceum (s)	Siemens & Co.	Dec. 22, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai	Sachsen (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	Quick despatch.
Shanghai	Thames (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	About Jan. 1.
Shanghai	Bombay (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co., Ltd.	About Jan. 1.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Pyrus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	Dec. 27.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Minke Maru (s)	Yippan Yusen Kaihatsu	Dec. 26, at 4 m.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Sakata (s)	Stemson & Co.	Dec. 26, at n.n.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Asuka (s)	Douglas & Co.	Dec. 21, daylight.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Mogul (s)	Canadian P. & C. Co.	Dec. 27, at noon.
Shanghai, v. Amoy	Yama (s)	Norddeutscher Lloyd	About Dec. 23.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by ARNOLD, KARBERG & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 16, 1893. 2156

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COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

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THE CHINA MAIL.

We call attention to an advertisement by the manager of the Kowloon Hotel. The Hotel will be removed to its new quarters at the old Kowloon Club on 1st January next. There will be limited accommodation for boarders.

Borrows Captain Hastings at the Magistracy this morning Chang Bing, sailor, was convicted of burglariously entering the house of a Chinese shopkeeper at Fuk Tuanheung last night and stealing a large quantity of articles. The prisoner was sent to goal for three months.

The Sanitary Board will meet to-morrow afternoon. The following is the agenda:—Colonial Secretary's letter regarding flushing drains with seawater. Mortality Returns for weeks ended the 9th and 16th December, 1893. Correspondence respecting 4 cases of small-pox removed from the a.s. *Globe* to the *Hygeia* on the 6th December, 1893. Correspondence respecting the disinfection of the a.s. *Glenary* where a case of small-pox occurred. List of prosecutions instituted by the Acting Sanitary Superintendent for the month of November. Petition from Shark Fin dealers.

We have to acknowledge receipt of the following remanders of the approach of 1894:—From Messrs Turner & Co., agents for the Northern Assurance Co., a wall calendar and a pair of book marks; from Messrs Douglas Lapraik & Co., agents for the Phoenix Fire Office, a wall calendar and a diary; from the same firm as agents for the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Co., a wall calendar; from Messrs Norton & Co., agents for the Queen Insurance Co., a wall calendar and a pair of book marks; from Messrs Gibb, Livingston & Co., agents for the Imperial Insurance Co., a wall calendar; from Mr Macbean, agent for the Straits Insurance Companies, a series of artistic wall calendars; from Messrs Dowdell, Carill & Co., agents for the Standard Life Assurance Co., a desk diary and a pocket diary; from Messrs Siemens & Co., agents for the Sun Insurance Office, a wall calendar; from Messrs Shaw & Co., agents for the North British and Mercantile Insurance Co., a desk calendar; from Messrs Carmichael & Co., a desk calendar; from Messrs A. S. Watson & Co., an artistic wall calendar and a pocket calendar.

Last night a somewhat exciting incident occurred at Apitachau. Two hawkers quarrelled, and one of them drew a knife and stabbed the other in the left forearm, dealt him an ugly blow on the head with a carrying pole, and, with the aid of his father, otherwise maltreated the poor fellow so that he became insensible. The affair took place about half-past ten o'clock. Some time after, the mator was reported to Inspector Butler at Aberdeen Police Station. The Inspector turned out with a party of police, and, with the assistance of the excise officers on Apitachau, made a search of the island for the two assailants. The older man was easily captured by an Indian constable, but his son gave more trouble. He was eventually discovered in the ruins of an old hut at the West end of the island, but was able to evade arrest. He was subsequently run to earth—if the phrase is allowable, for he was found concealed behind a rock on the seashore standing in the water up to the shoulders. He was arrested by Constable Legnard, and taken to Aberdeen Police Station. The case came before Captain Hastings at the Magistracy this morning, but was adjourned on account of the complainant's being in Hospital and too ill to attend at the Magistracy.

The sugar crop of Queensland for the present season will exceed 80,000 tons, and the capacity of the crushing mills is taxed to the utmost.

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

The second half-yearly meeting of the members of this Association was held last night in the Association Rooms, Praya Central. There was a small attendance. Captain A. Tillett, President, occupied the chair.

THE TREASURERSHIP.

Captain Harris, Treasurer, read a statement of accounts, from which it was shown that the expenses averaged about \$244 per month. All the liabilities outstanding when he took over office, amounting to nearly \$1,000, had been wiped off, and although the credit balance in Bank was reduced from \$515 to \$155 there were absolutely no liabilities to be met except for current expenses, and the cash in hand would meet these. He tendered his resignation.

A vote of thanks was accorded to the retiring Treasurer, and Captain Hall, of the steamer *Yarrow*, was appointed his successor.

ADDRESS BY THE PRESIDENT.

Capt. Tillett congratulated the Association on having reached a sound financial basis, and proceeded to speak of one or two matters of interest to marine officers and shipowners. A bill, he said, had been introduced into the House of Commons with regard to aliens on British ships. It had already passed the second reading, and he thought every British officer would be pleased to learn that there was every probability of the Bill becoming law and thus exclude aliens from holding positions of

responsibility on British ships (applause). In his opinion such a measure ought to have been passed twenty years ago. He had always been a strong opponent to the employment of aliens on British ships, and he was glad that there was now every probability of their being excluded in the near future (cheer, cheer). It was not that he had any animosity against foreigners, but any one who had heard of "The Devil don't like them"—he liked his own countrymen better. So far so good. There was another point that had occupied a good deal of attention during the last year. As they were aware, Dr Dobbeck gave some lectures on typhoons—(A voice, "Ho is—") laughter and applause. They might also be aware that the Chamber of Commerce approached the Government to see whether any improvement could be made in the way of publishing meteorological information and storm warnings in general for the benefit of the shipping community. A Commission was appointed by the Government to go into the subject and Dr Dobbeck was appointed to be a member of the Commission. But a mistake was made in appointing Dr Dobbeck as the chairman of the Commission. It made the meetings rather awkward to say the least of it, and on account of the attitude Dr Dobbeck took up the members were obliged to resign their positions on the Commission. That step was taken because the members saw they could do no good as the Commission was then constituted. It would have been a waste of time to go on as they were doing at the first meetings. But the matter was not quite finished. Though the Commission was dissolved the members had been and were still in communication with each other, which the information might be disseminated. Their work, however, had been rendered the more difficult by the failure of the Commission to come to any beneficial finding, and as the members were busily engaged in their ordinary duties they had not been able to devote much time to the subject as they would have liked. He hoped that in a week or so they would be able to have a meeting to see what could be done. For his own part, he intended doing his best honestly and straightforwardly to aid in improving the present method of issuing meteorological information, and make it available not only for seamen, but for shipowners and insurance people generally (applause). They might note that the last speaker in those rooms had expressed the opinion that there was room for a good deal of improvement, and he believed it was principally on account of what he said that this Commission was called into existence. Captain Tillett next referred to a series of papers read to the London Association by Captain Blackmore on the subject of better education in the mercantile marine. He did not agree with all Captain Blackmore said, but it was one of the signs of the times that great stress was laid on this subject nowadays. They would all agree with him that something should be done in this direction (cheer, cheer). But he had seen very many instances where a shipowner did not understand officer's men—and he believed that had done more than anything else to keep back education in the mercantile marine. This was most marked on the rapid organisation of steam tonnage on the opening of the Suez Canal. Everybody rushed into "steam," and a new class of shipowners sprung into existence, who wanted somebody cheap to officer their ships. That had created a feeling that there was no necessity for bothering about education in the mercantile marine if they could manage to pass their examinations and secure their certificates. For the present a good deal of better education would affect the men much more than most certainly affect the officers of the future. But one of the problems that Captain Tillett had was this that it was very fine to talk about a good education and all that sort of thing, but if men were not to be paid in relation to that higher education why should they go to the expense? If shipowners took the man who just managed to get his certificate, where would be the benefit to the educated marine officer? There was no extra value, as Captain Blackmore admitted, on the extra master's certificate ("A voice"—It is a drawback in many cases). That was one of the crucial points that had to be taken into consideration in dealing with this agitation for better education. 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